

Who: Sgt. Bryan Anderson, Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran and Purple Heart Recipient

U.S. Rep. Dennis Moore (D-KS.)

U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk (R-IL)

Tom Busch, American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial Foundation

Where: 1727 LHOB House Office Building

When: Tuesday, January 23, 1:30 PM

What: Triple amputee Iraq veteran Sgt. Bryan Anderson comes to Washington on Tuesday to attend the State of the Union Address and kick-off a bipartisan effort to establish a national memorial for permanently disabled American veterans. Sgt. Anderson, of Rolling Meadows, Illinois, is a constituent of U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk (R-IL) and will attend the President's address as Kirk's guest.

During media availability, Sgt. Bryan Anderson will discuss his courageous recovery effort, most recently featured in Esquire Magazine, and his vision for a national memorial to honor other permanently disabled American veterans.

U.S. Rep. Dennis Moore and Kirk will be on hand to discuss the introduction of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Commemorative Coin Act, bipartisan legislation authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of veterans who became disabled for life while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The revenue gained from the new coin would help fund a national memorial honoring those veterans.

Tom Busch, leading the Foundation's efforts to establish the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial (<http://www.avdlm.com/>), will be on hand to answer more detailed questions about the project.